

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: DAVID A. PALSULICH ET AL.
APPLICATION No.: 10/636,021
FILED: AUGUST 6, 2003
FOR: **MICROFEATURE WORKPIECE
PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR, E.G.,
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER ANALYSIS**

EXAMINER: MAHMOUD
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ART UNIT: 1792
CONF. NO: 1017

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

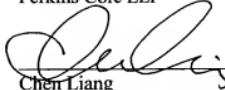
The present communication responds to the Notice of Abandonment ("the Notice") mailed December 6, 2007. The above-identified application was held to be abandoned due to Applicants' failure to timely file a proper response to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Review ("the Decision") mailed November 2, 2007. Applicants respectfully submit that the Notice was mailed in error and request that the Notice be withdrawn.

Applicants have not filed an Appeal Brief in response to the Decision; however, the time period for filing an Appeal Brief has not yet expired. According to the Official Gazette Notice dated July 12, 2005, "the time period for filing of the appeal brief is extendible under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 based on the mail date of the decision on the request or the receipt date of the notice of appeal, as applicable." Calculated from the mail date of the Decision, the time period for filing an Appeal Brief in the above-identified application expires May 2, 2008, provided that a petition for extension of time and the requisite fee are filed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

Applicants believe that no fee is due with the present communication. However, if a fee is due, Applicants authorize the Office to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted,

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